

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application.

PRIORITY

Enclosed is a certified copy of foreign priority document No. 2001-065975, filed March 9, 2001. Applicants request the Examiner acknowledge the safe receipt of this document.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On August 21, 2001, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Examiner has not returned an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form to indicate that the documents have been considered.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. These claims have been amended in a manner in which it is believed satisfies all the objections of the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Weiss (U.S. 6,681,156). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Weiss in view of Roos (U.S. 5,699,276). Claim 8 stands

rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Weiss in view of Kelley et al (U.S. 6,088,659). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Weiss in view of Keturakis et al (U.S. 5,057,767). These rejections are traversed as follows.

PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, the only independent claim in the application, has been amended by deleting the last two paragraphs thereof and adding the following steps:

"accumulating, by said enterprise, a load pattern of each demander having signed a power supply contract, calculating a margin of the power based upon a power supply capacity of said enterprise and a total value of the load pattern, and presenting information of a charge price per unit of power for each period set according to said margin to said demander; and resetting, by said demander, the load pattern, having been set by said demander before, based upon the information of the charge price per unit of power set according to said margin and an actual result load pattern of said demander."

None of the cited Weiss, Roos, Kelly et al or Keturakis et al patents disclose the above recited steps wherein the enterprise presents information of a charge price per unit of power set according to the margin of the power supply capacity of the enterprise, and the demander can reset the load pattern having been set by himself before.

Even in Weiss, the main reference relied upon, only an enterprise can set a load pattern, etc., but the demander himself cannot reset the load pattern. With respect to the other references, they are entirely different from claim 1 as now amended.

Accordingly, claim 1, as now amended, and claims 2-11 depending therefrom, are believed patentable over the cited prior art, taken either alone or in combination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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